

5.1.2 Sample Line. Heated (sufficient to prevent condensation) stainless steel or Teflon tubing, to transport the sample gas to the moisture removal system.

5.1.3 Sample Transport Lines. Stainless steel or Teflon tubing, to transport the sample from the moisture removal system to the sample pump, sample flow rate control, and sample gas manifold.

5.1.4 Calibration Valve Assembly. A three-way valve assembly, or equivalent, for blocking the sample gas flow and introducing calibration gases to the measurement system at the outlet of the sampling probe when in the calibration mode.

5.1.5 Moisture Removal System. A refrigerator-type condenser or similar device (e.g., permeation dryer), to remove condensate continuously from the sample gas while maintaining minimal contact between the condensate and the sample gas. The moisture removal system is not necessary for analyzers that can measure gas concentrations on a wet basis; for these analyzers, (1) heat the sample line and all interface components up to the inlet of the analyzer sufficiently to prevent condensation, and (2) determine the moisture content and correct the measured gas concentrations to a dry basis using appropriate methods, subject to the approval of the Administrator. The determination of sample moisture content is not necessary for pollutant analyzers that measure concentrations on a wet basis when (1) a wet basis CO₂ analyzer operated according to Method 3A is used to obtain simultaneous measurements, and (2) the pollutant/CO₂ measurements are used to determine emissions in units of the standard.

5.1.6 Particulate Filter. An in-stack or heated (sufficient to prevent water condensation) out-of-stack filter. The filter shall be borosilicate or quartz glass wool, or glass fiber mat. Additional filters at the inlet or outlet of the moisture removal system and inlet of the analyzer may be used to prevent accumulation of particulate material in the measurement system and extend the useful life of the components. All filters shall be fabricated of materials that are nonreactive to the gas being sampled.

5.1.7 Sample Pump. A leak-free pump, to pull the sample gas through the system at a flow rate sufficient to minimize the response time of the measurement system. The pump may be constructed of any material that is nonreactive to the gas being sampled.

5.1.8 Sample Flow Rate Control. A sample flow rate control valve and rotameter, or equivalent, to maintain a constant sampling rate within 10 percent.

(NOTE: The tester may elect to install a back-pressure regulator to maintain the sample gas manifold at a constant pressure in order to protect the analyzer(s) from over-pressurization, and to minimize the need for flow rate adjustments.)

5.1.9 Sample Gas Manifold. A sample gas manifold, to divert a portion of the sample gas stream to the analyzer, and the remainder to the by-pass discharge vent. The sample gas manifold should also include provisions for introducing calibration gases directly to the analyzer. The manifold may be constructed of any material that is nonreactive to the gas being sampled.

5.1.10 Gas Analyzer. A UV or NDIR absorption or fluorescence analyzer, to determine continuously the SO₂ concentration in the sample gas stream. The analyzer shall meet the applicable performance specifications of Section 4. A means of controlling the analyzer flow rate and a device for determining proper sample flow rate (e.g., precision rotameter, pressure gauge downstream of all flow controls, etc.) shall be provided at the analyzer.

(NOTE: Housing the analyzer(s) in a clean, thermally-stable, vibration-free environment will minimize drift in the analyzer calibration.)

5.1.11 Data Recorder. A strip chart recorder, analog computer, or digital recorder, for recording measurement data. The data recorder resolution (i.e., readability) shall be 0.5 percent of span. Alternatively, a digital or analog meter having a resolution of 0.5 percent of span may be used to obtain the analyzer responses and the readings may be recorded manually. If this alternative is used, the readings shall be obtained at equally spaced intervals over the duration of the sampling run. For sampling run durations of less than 1 hour, measurements at 1-minute intervals or a minimum of 30 measurements, whichever is less restrictive, shall be obtained. For sampling run durations greater than 1 hour, measurements at 2-minute intervals or a minimum of 96 measurements, whichever is less restrictive, shall be obtained.

5.2 Method 6 Apparatus and Reagents. The apparatus and reagents described in Method 6, and shown by the schematic of the sampling train in Figure 6C-2, to conduct the interference check.

5.3 SO₂ Calibration Gases. The calibration gases for the gas analyzer shall be SO₂ in N₂ or SO₂ in air. Alternatively, SO₂/CO₂, SO₂/O₂, or SO₂/CO₂/O₂ gas mixtures in N₂ may be used. For fluorescence-based analyzers, the O₂ and CO₂ concentrations of the calibration gases as introduced to the analyzer shall be within 1 percent (absolute) O₂ and 1 percent (absolute) CO₂ of the O₂ and CO₂ concentrations of the effluent samples as introduced to the analyzer. Alternatively, for fluorescence-based analyzers, use calibration blends of SO₂ in air and the nomographs provided by the vendor to determine the quenching correction factor (the effluent O₂ and CO₂ concentrations must be known). Use three calibration gases as specified below:

5.3.1 High-Range Gas. Concentration equivalent to 80 to 100 percent of the span.

5.3.2 Mid-Range Gas. Concentration equivalent to 40 to 60 percent of the span.

5.3.3 Zero Gas. Concentration of less than 0.25 percent of the span. Purified ambient air may be used for the zero gas by passing air through a charcoal filter, or through one or more impingers containing a solution of 3 percent H₂O₂.

6. Measurement System Performance Test Procedures

Perform the following procedures before measurement of emissions (Section 7).

6.1 Calibration Gas Concentration Verification. There are two alternatives for establishing the concentrations of calibration gases. Alternative Number 1 is preferred.

6.1.1 Alternative Number 1—Use of calibration gases that are analyzed following the Environmental Protection Agency Traceability Protocol Number 1 (see Citation 1 in the Bibliography). Obtain a certification from the gas manufacturer that Protocol Number 1 was followed.

6.1.2 Alternative Number 2—Use of calibration gases not prepared according to Protocol Number 1. If this alternative is chosen, obtain gas mixtures with a manufacturer's tolerance not to exceed ± 2 percent of the tag value. Within 6 months before the emission test, analyze each of the calibration gases in triplicate using Method 6. Citation 2 in the Bibliography describes procedures and techniques that may be used for this analysis. Record the results on a data sheet (example is shown in Figure 6C-3). Each of the individual SO₂ analytical results for each calibration gas shall be within 5 percent (or 5 ppm, whichever is greater) of the triplicate set average; otherwise, discard the entire set, and repeat the triplicate analyses. If the average of the triplicate analyses is within 5 percent of the calibration gas manufacturer's cylinder tag value, use the tag value; otherwise, conduct at least three additional analyses until the results of six consecutive runs agree with 5 percent (or 5 ppm, whichever is greater) of their average. Then use this average for the cylinder value.

6.2 Measurement System Preparation. Assemble the measurement system by following the manufacturer's written instructions for preparing and preconditioning the gas analyzer and, as applicable, the other system components. Introduce the calibration gases in any sequence, and make all necessary adjustments to calibrate the analyzer and the data recorder. Adjust system components to achieve correct sampling rates.

6.3 Analyzer Calibration Error. Conduct the analyzer calibration error check by introducing calibration gases to the measure-

ment system at any point upstream of the gas analyzer as follows:

6.3.1 After the measurement system has been prepared for use, introduce the zero, mid-range, and high-range gases to the analyzer. During this check, make no adjustments to the system except those necessary to achieve the correct calibration gas flow rate at the analyzer. Record the analyzer responses to each calibration gas on a form similar to Figure 6C-4.

NOTE: A calibration curve established prior to the analyzer calibration error check may be used to convert the analyzer response to the equivalent gas concentration introduced to the analyzer. However, the same correction procedure shall be used for all effluent and calibration measurements obtained during the test.

6.3.2 The analyzer calibration error check shall be considered invalid if the gas concentration displayed by the analyzer exceeds ± 2 percent of the span for any of the calibration gases. If an invalid calibration is exhibited, take corrective action, and repeat the analyzer calibration error check until acceptable performance is achieved.

6.4 Sampling System Bias Check. Perform the sampling system bias check by introducing calibration gases at the calibration valve installed at the outlet of the sampling probe. A zero gas and either the mid-range or high-range gas, whichever most closely approximates the effluent concentrations, shall be used for this check as follows:

6.4.1 Introduce the upscale calibration gas, and record the gas concentration displayed by the analyzer on a form similar to Figure 6C-5. Then introduce zero gas, and record the gas concentration displayed by the analyzer. During the sampling system bias check, operate the system at the normal sampling rate, and make no adjustments to the measurement system other than those necessary to achieve proper calibration gas flow rates at the analyzer. Alternately introduce the zero and upscale gases until a stable response is achieved. The tester shall determine the measurement system response time by observing the times required to achieve a stable response for both the zero and upscale gases. Note the longer of the two times as the response time.

6.4.2 The sampling system bias check shall be considered invalid if the difference between the gas concentrations displayed by the measurement system for the analyzer calibration error check and for the sampling system bias check exceeds ± 5 percent of the span for either the zero or upscale calibration gas. If an invalid calibration is exhibited, take corrective action, and repeat the sampling system bias check until acceptable performance is achieved. If adjustment to the analyzer is required, first repeat the analyzer calibration error check, then repeat the sampling system bias check.